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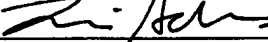
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the final Office Action dated October 22, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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